

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT**

**ITEM NO. C(4)**

**MEETING DATE: December 8, 2009**

**TITLE: Town Code Amendment Related to Parking along E. Carr Street and in Municipal Lots**

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| <b>DEPARTMENT: PLANNING</b>   | <b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO _X_</b>  |
| <b>ATTACHMENTS:</b><br><b>A. Town Code Amendment</b><br><b>B. Section 6-19 of the Town Code</b> | <b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b><br>Patricia McGuire – 918-7327<br>Jeff Brubaker – 918-7329 |

**PURPOSE**

Town staff has prepared amendments to the Section 6-19 of the Town Code related to parking along E. Carr Street and within municipal parking lots. The town staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the ordinance amending the Town Code.

**INFORMATION**

On November 17, 2009, the Board of Aldermen received a staff report on downtown parking and authorized the Town to enter into a lease agreement for use of the Andrews-Riggsbee Hardware store site, located at 200 S. Greensboro Street and bounded by Roberson and E. Carr Streets and the Maple Avenue Extension, as a municipal parking lot. In anticipation of high demand for the spaces located there, particularly during the pending holiday season, a Town Code amendment limiting parking to no more than two hours between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. has been prepared (*Attachment A*). Parking limitations are listed in Section 6-19 of the Town Code (*Attachment B*).

During the time the Andrews-Riggsbee lot has been under consideration, Town staff has observed that parking along E. Carr Street is excessive and therefore potentially unsafe. The paved portion of the street measures approximately 17 feet in width; the right of way measures approximately 43 feet in width, well below the conditions where on-street parking is typically allowed in town. While it is likely that the additional supply of parking provided by the new lot just to the north will alleviate some of the demand, staff recommends that parking be prohibited on E. Carr Street, thus eliminating these safety concerns. Board members may recall that the conditional use permit for the Roberson Square Mixed use development includes a condition that requires expanding the pavement width on E. Carr Street and installing several parking spaces on the north side of the street between N. Greensboro Street and Maple Avenue Extension. The ordinance amending the Town Code adds E. Carr Street from its intersection with N. Greensboro to the entrance to the Yaggy property/site of the The Alberta to the list of streets along which parking is prohibited. At such time as those improvements are installed, a Town Code amendment allowing parking on the north side in the block between N. Greensboro Street and Maple Avenue extension (perhaps with some time limitations), but retaining the parking prohibition along the full length of the south side of E. Carr Street, will be needed. Letters have been sent to residents and property owners along E. Carr Street informing them of this proposed change.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Signage will need to be prepared and installed. Some additional staff time may be expected associated with enforcement of the new parking limitations.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The town staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the ordinance amending the Town Code (*Attachment A*).